

# Bryan Morning Eagle

FOURTEENTH YEAR

BRYAN, TEXAS WEDNESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 23, 1908

NUMBER 13

## Mens' Shoes

HANAN  
AND  
KNEELAND

\$6.50 to \$3.50

## Special

ONE LOT KNEELAND ALL-OVER

PATENT—ONE OF THE NEW

TOES AND LASTS \$5.00

GRADE

Now \$4.25

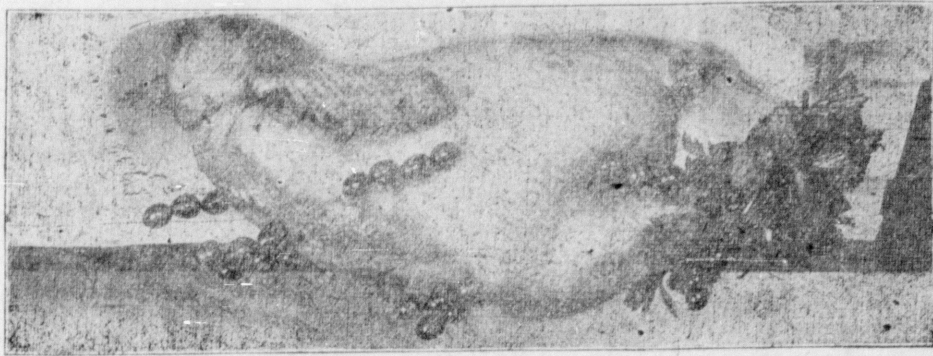
OUR LINE OF

## Rubber Foot Wear

IS COMPLETE FOR THE MAN,

LADIES AND CHILDREN.

A. J.  
WAGNER  
& CO.



TURKEY DRESSED WITH CRANBERRIES.

## The Christmas Dinner

Consomme	Blue Points	Butter Wafers
Olives	Roast Turkey	Stuffed Celery
	Potato Stuffing	
Clarified Apple Sauce	Sweetbread and Mushroom Croquettes	Creamed Onions
Green Peas	Pineapple and Tomato Sauce	Hungarian Carrots
Plum Pudding with Sauce	Cheese	Cream Nut Pie
	Fruit Cake With Grape Juice	Butter Wafers
	Coffee	

### Howell & Newton, Inc.

GROCERS AND COFFEE ROASTERS

Phones 23 and 150.

Batavia Grape juice in 3 size bottles. Choice stock of all fresh fruits and vegetables in season. Open evenings this week until 9 o'clock.

### CONDENSED REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

## The City National Bank

OF BRYAN TEXAS

As made to the Comptroller of the Currency  
at the close of business November 27, 1908.

### RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts.....	\$195,906.27
U. S. Bonds and Premiums.....	104,000.00
Bonds, Securities, etc.....	8,516.00
Furniture and Fixtures.....	2,626.00
CASH.....	309,197.1
	\$620,245.39

### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock.....	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits.....	93,800.53
Circulation.....	50,000.00
DEPOSITS.....	426,444.86
	\$620,245.39

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }  
County of Brazos. } I, Albert W. Wilkerson,  
cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear  
that the foregoing statement is true to the best of my  
knowledge and belief.  
ALBERT W. WILKERSON Cashier.

Correct—Attest: } J. W. English  
E. H. Astin  
G. S. Parker  
Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this the 30th day  
of November, 1908. FRED. L. CAVITT,  
Notary Public Brazos County, Texas.

### BABY DIES FROM BURNS.

#### Three Other Little Ones Have Narrow Escape.

New York, Dec. 22.—Left alone by their mother, Mrs. Mary Bernineosa, who went to a nearby grocery, four small children were almost burned to death, the youngest, Dora, an infant of nineteen months sustaining injuries from which she died at the hospital.

Leaving her young sisters and brothers in bed, the tot wandered into the kitchen and while playing near a stove caught fire. Paul, a boy of seven, ran to his little sisters' aid, and was himself severely burned. Neighbors hearing the children scream rushed in but not until the baby had been fatally burned.

#### Conspirators Shot.

Willemstad, Dec. 22.—Letters received here tell of the discovery of a plot to assassinate General Bell, commander of Fort San Carlos at Maracaibo. The two conspirators were captured and shot.

### WOULD RING DOOR BELL.

In Consequence, Francis Donahue Is  
Required to Give Bond.

New York, Dec. 22.—His persistency in ringing the door bell of Mayor McClellan of New York landed Francis Donahue, a laborer in the night court on a charge of disorderly conduct. He was held in \$300 bond for good behavior. The policeman testified that Donahue after calling at the mayor's residence in Washington Square, argued with the mayor's butler and insisted that he must see the executive.

In court Donahue said he was actuated solely by a desire to defend Mr. McClellan from several Italians when he heard them plotting. Under cross examination however, he admitted that he had been drinking.

#### New Government Established.

Caracas, Dec. 22.—Vice President Gomez has established a new government in Venezuela.

#### Death Due to Hemorrhage.

Chambery, France, Dec. 22.—Cardinal Lecot died here from a hemorrhage of the brain.

### ALMOST "STOLE" COP.

#### Young Man Not Aware Officer Is In Taxicab.

New York, Dec. 22.—Joseph McMahon, almost "stole" a policeman. The policeman was seated in a dark interior of a taxicab, and a chauffeur, who had been arrested for an infraction of traffic regulations, left his seat with the officer's consent to telephone to his employer. Seeing the taxicab idle and apparently empty, young McMahon it is charged, leaped to the seat and started off at a gay clip up Seventh avenue. To his surprise and chagrin he was hailed from the inside and told to halt. His arrest followed and in court he was held in \$1,000 bail for appropriating the cab. The charge of "stealing" a policeman was omitted. The boy is the son of a police lieutenant.

#### Six Earthquake Shocks.

Virginia City, Mont., Dec. 22.—Six earthquake shocks within the course of twenty-four hours threw the people here into a panic causing them to rush forth into the street.

### TEXAS AND TEXANS.

Grand jury of McCulloch county returned forty bills.

Large sales of Red Cross stamps are reported all over Texas.

Last statement showed nearly \$2,000,000 in Denison banks.

The new theater, costing nearly \$50,000, was opened Monday night.

John W. Wright, financial agent of the penitentiaries, has resigned.

Sixteen men who became drunk Sunday at Dallas were fined \$1 each in city court.

A cow at Bonham, bitten by a dog, was stricken with hydrophobia and died in agony.

Ed Wattenbarger and Frank May

were seriously injured in a runaway near Greenville.

While at the union station at Texarkana E. A. Connell of Shreveport was relieved of a \$600 diamond cluster stud.

The large E. B. Davis livery stable, recently burned at Denison, when thirty horses were cremated, will be rebuilt.

A steel trestle at lock and dam No. 1 on the Trinity river a few miles below Dallas fell twenty feet. D. R. Lipscomb and J. W. Crawford, workmen, were badly hurt.

Two Dallas negroes had a fight with roman candles. A ball from one hit a negroess on the head, setting her wool on fire and badly singeing it. Both the negroes were fined in city court.

## Christmas Shoppers

ONLY FOUR DAYS TO COMPLETE YOUR

### Christmas Shopping

If You Have Any Worries About What to Buy, The Problem Will Be Easily Solved At This Store. Something For Every Body. Appropriate And Useful Articles, At Prices To Suit The Pocket Book.

## Special Showing Monday to Friday

Imported Silk Hose  
Persian Silk and Elastic Belts  
Special Xmas Neckwear  
Ruching Collars

French Kid Gloves Long  
and Short Lengths.  
Imported Hand-Embroidered Linen  
Handkerchiefs.

Fur Capes and Boas  
Children's Fur Sets  
Hand Bags  
Belt Pins, Veil and Sash Pins

## For Men, Women and Little Folks

### For Men and Boys

NECKWEAR, SUSPENDERS AND SUSPENDERS WITH  
ARM BANDS AND SUPPORTERS—PACKED IN HOLIDAY  
BOXES, MUFFLERS, REEFERS, GLOVES, HAND-  
KERCHIEFS, SCARF PINS, COLLARS, SHIRTS, WATCH  
POBS, ETC. \* \* \* \* \*

### Skirts and Waists

HANDSOME MESSALINE, NET AND TAFFETA WAISTS,  
VOIL AND TAILORED SKIRTS, LONG KIMONAS, ETC.

PHONE 129

# WILSON & DERDEN

PHONE 129





**Mr. E. J. Fountain**  
requests the honor of your presence at the sale of  
his full line of  
**Fancy Groceries**  
to  
**His Many Customers**  
on Saturday morning, eight o'clock, December 12th  
nineteen hundred and eight  
at his store  
**Bryan, Texas**

#### BEAT WITH A SIX-SHOOTER.

**Young Man Pounded an Officer—Was  
Clipped Over the Head With a  
Gun.**

A fight which occurred in a saloon in this city Monday night shortly after 11 o'clock created an immense amount of feeling Tuesday, and was the topic of conversation on the streets all day. The fight resulted in an officer here receiving a black eye and the young man with whom he was fighting being severely beaten over the head with a six-shooter in the hands of the bartender of the saloon in which the difficulty occurred. Reports current on the street Tuesday morning were to the effect that the young man had knocked the officer down, and while punishing him the bartender came from behind the bar and struck him several times over the head with a six-shooter; that when the officer rose to his feet he pinioned the young man's arms while the bartender administered more blows; that a companion of the young man who started to his assistance when both men attacked him was stood off by a special policeman who pulled his six-shooter and commanded him to stop instead of trying to arrest the combatants. It was this feature that caused the harshest criticism of the city police department on the streets yesterday, and late in the afternoon it was understood that a prominent citizen of the city had undertaken to have the mayor call a special meeting of the city council to inquire into the matter immediately. This report could not be verified, on account of the absence of the mayor from his office when the Eagle man tried to reach him by phone. It must be said in justice to this special policeman that he denied the charge in the presence of the mayor, the chief of police and The Eagle man in the office of the mayor Tuesday morning.

The result of the young man's injuries was a number of scalp wounds and contusions. A local physician who washed the injuries and made an examination stated that as many as six stitches would be required to close one or perhaps two of the gashes.

The officer who went against the young whirlwind, stated to The Eagle man that he was performing what he believed to be his duty as an officer and a citizen; there were three young men in the saloon who were believed to be minors; the saloon owner (not the bartender) requested them to go out of his place, or asked at least one of them to leave his place—this young fellow had ordered a lemonade—telling the boy that under the law he could not sell him a lemonade or drink whatever. From this started the trouble. The officer admits that he slapped the cyclone's face, and then something happened. It happened mighty fast. This officer is brave, nervy, and tries to do his duty as he sees it, sometimes this duty leads him into fights, and he is handy with his fists, but he stated to the Eagle man that he was down and out when the bartender came from behind the bar with his six-shooter (this officer had placed the gun behind the counter a short time before) and, catching the scrapper

in the collar (the young man, according to the testimony of others besides the officer was bending over him, and would smash him in the eye every time he attempted to rise), endeavoring to pull him back, and falling, struck him several times over the head with the gun. The officer stated that he did not pinion the young man's arm while the bartender beat him. He also says that the companion of the typhoon who started in to help when the bartender came out with the gun, threw his hand behind him, stating that it was not fair to allow two men to jump on a boy when the city special officer stopped him, saying to the youth that they (the officer and bartender) were trying to quiet him.

As soon as order was brought about and the blood washed off the combatants, the young man and his companion started to leave the saloon when they were placed under arrest by the officer with the black eye, and gave bond for their appearance before the mayor Tuesday morning.

But this will not be the end of the matter. The county officers have taken cognizance of the row and the circumstances surrounding, and the county attorney states that the grand jury will be asked to probe the matter to the bottom. An ordinary saloon scrap would not be taken cognizance of, but the county attorney states that the six-shooter play cannot and will not be overlooked.

That this trouble should occur is the source of deep regret to everyone in the city, especially the solid business element.

The Eagle has endeavored to lay the matter before its readers in an impartial way.

#### Hog Killing Time.

Mr. Mark Wilcox, a long-time and well known resident of this section, was in the city Tuesday from his home in the Harris School community. Mr. Wilcox had business with Santa Claus, but also had time to say that the hog killing weather now prevailing is especially acceptable, and he had killed on Monday two pigs which dressed 413 pounds each. Mr. Wilcox estimates that hogs are necessary to successful agriculture, and raises a sufficient number to supply his own family and his tenants with meat, and often has some to sell to the stores. He declares that under his method of putting away hams and bacon, they never spoil. Of the financial advantage to be derived from raising hogs, he states that the sow from which he raised sufficient meat to supply his needs for the next two years, was sold on Thanksgiving day for \$50.

Santa Claus gets nearly all of his fruits, nuts and candies from Howell & Newton.

I am fixed to plow  
GARDENS, PLANT TREES  
CLEAN UP YARDS, LEVEL  
HOUSES, PRUNE TREES, REPAIR  
PAIR FENCES, ETC.  
Notify me by postoffice.  
MATHEW PIERCE,  
Bryan, Texas.

#### LITTLE LOCALS.

Beard & Crenshaw of Edge were in the market here Tuesday for a large lot of goods, and an especially big lot of wire fencing.

All children of the Methodist Sunday school are requested to meet at the Methodist church parsonage this afternoon promptly at 3 o'clock.

Misses Easter, Lucas, Kaczer and Sanders, teachers in the Texas Woman's College of this city, will spend most of their vacation in Bryan.

Judge L. D. McGee officiated at the marriage of three couples Tuesday in rapid succession. In fact, less than five minutes were required to complete the work.

A marriage license was issued Monday afternoon to Mr. Kizer Bomonski and Miss Winney Zulkuski, Judge L. D. McGee officiating a few moments later in the ceremony which made them one.

Ring Jno. M. Lawrence & Co. for fresh Jumbo Celery, Sweet Peppers, Lettuce, Beets, Cauliflower, Egg Plants, Beans, Cabbage, Onions, Sweet and Irish Potatoes, Turnips Mustard, Bananas, Oranges, Apples, Cocoanuts and Cape Cod Cranberries.

A car load of telegraph poles arrived over the H. & T. C. yesterday for use by the local telephone company. The poles are intended to replace those that are becoming unsound, rather than any particularly large extension of service.

Mr. F. P. Dunlap arrived here yesterday to relieve Mr. A. E. Duncan, third trick man at the I. & G. N. depot, who left for his home in Ranger to spend the Christmas holidays with his home folks. Mr. Dunlap by this arrangement will be enabled to observe Christmas with his relatives in this city.

The Free Will and the Missionary Baptist denominations at Harvey will combine in the Christmas festivities at that place Thursday night. It is planned to have a huge tree for the Sunday school of both churches. Committees have been appointed whose duties are to bring about the success of the event.

On the southbound morning H. & T. C. train yesterday a number of T. W. C. teachers and students left for various points. Prof. Techau to New Orleans, Prof. J. Bert Graham to Mobile, Miss Broome and Miss Walker for Beaumont, and Miss Laas for Burton. On the northbound train Misses Mary and Minnie McCauley left for their home at Moody.

Mr. Tom Adams left Sunday night for San Pedro, Chihuahua, Mexico, where he will be employed as general supply man for the Candelaria Mining and Cattle company, a concern owning 2,000,000 acres of land, over which roam countless numbers of cattle, and operating ten mines. Mr. Adams has a responsible position with the company and the many friends of the manly young fellow will wish for him great success in his new home.

Christmas trees will be provided for the First Baptist church Sunday school on Thursday night, at the church; for which the various committees have been appointed. The

episcopal church on Christmas eve; the Presbyterian church same date; and the Free Baptist Sunday school will likewise hold its usual observance on Christmas eve. The announcement of the Methodist Sunday school was made in these columns heretofore.

Mr. W. R. Goen of Harvey killed a hog Monday which weighed 675 lbs. gross, 573 net. It is not difficult to

estimate the value of this pig at the present prices demanded for bacon, hams and lard.

#### JUST RECEIVED.

A carload of fine bananas, on I. & G. N. track by the post office. Come early and get your Christmas bananas cheap before they are all gone. Car open from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. Texas Fruit company.

#### NOTICE TAXPAYERS.

January is the last month in which taxes may be paid without penalty. For that reason, principally, and also to facilitate the work of this office, I would request that you pay your taxes as early as possible. Respectfully,  
JNO. B. HINES,  
City Secretary.

See our line of fine dressed dolls at cost. Emmel & Maloney.

## CLOTHING SALE!

### Tempting Treas in Meritorious Merchandise.

Prices has a land voice, Quality, too, has a land voice; but a duett between quality and price brings down the house

### Car in Mind Our Qualities.

We say this to you. Dollar for Dollar, the price you pay us for Clothing is met on the level by the Quality that is in them. This is not a "Hard Stock" sale, but meritorious merchandise at the following prices rather than carry them over:

All \$10.00 Suits. Rather than carry them over	\$7.25
All \$12.50 Suits. Rather than carry them over	\$8.75
All \$15.00 Suits. Rather than carry them over	10.85
All \$16.50 Suits. Rather than carry them over	11.60
All 17.50 Suits. Rather than carry them over	11.95
All \$18.00 Suits. Rather than carry them over	13.50
All \$20.00 Suits. Rather than carry them over	14.50
All \$22.50 Suits. Rather than carry them over	16.75
All \$25.00 Suits. Rather than carry them over	18.50
All \$27.50 Suits. Rather than carry them over	20.00
All \$30.00 Suits. Rather than carry them over	22.50

One-quarter off on all boys clothing

## Webb Bros.

## The Big Grocery Sale

will continue until everything is disposed of. Hundreds of new buyers as well as our old customers are taking advantage of this close-out sale for cash. Remember all purchases of One Dollar and over delivered free. Below we quote a few prices on articles that have not appeared before. All other goods in proportion:

18 lbs. Granulated Sugar for.... \$1.00  
Swift's Premium Ham per pound 14c  
Swift's Premium Bacon per lb.... 20c  
18-oz. Bot. Fancy Selected Queen Olives, per bottle..... 20c  
20-oz. Bottle Fancy Selected Queen Olives per bottle..... 25c  
18-oz. Bot. Fancy Selected Stuffed Olives, per bottle..... 20c  
14-oz. Bot. Hyman's sour mixed pickles, per bottle..... 7 1/2c

40-oz Bot. Hyman's sour mixed Pickles, per bottle..... 20c  
64-oz Bot. Hyman's sour mixed Pickles, per bottle..... 35c  
One-half Gallon Hyman's sour Mixed Pickles, per bottle..... 50c  
40-oz Bot. Hyman's sour spiced Lily Hot, per bottle..... 20c  
40-oz Bot. Hyman's sour spiced Chow-Chow, per bottle..... 20c  
20-oz Bot. Heinz sour spiced Mixed Pickles..... 12 1/2c

24-oz Bot. Heinz sour spiced Mixed Pickles..... 17 1/2c  
24-oz Bot. Heinz Sweet Mixed Pickles, per bottle..... 20c  
32-oz Bot. Heinz India Relish per bottle..... 25c  
14-oz Bot. Heinz Evaporated Horse Radish..... 25c  
All kinds of Bulk Pickles at greatly reduced prices.

We have plenty of all goods previously advertised at prices quoted. Call to see us or phone your orders. Remember these goods are all fresh clean stock and will be sold at prices quoted.

Phone 42.

## WILL S. HIGGS.

#### EVERYTHING

## At Cost

We desire to make a clean sale of every article on Xmas. goods, therefore we are offering everything in

Fancy China Toilet Sets  
Cut Glass Vases  
Medallions Pictures  
Dolls Toys

AT ABSOLUTE COST.

Come and make your selections. If you can not call, phone and we will put it aside for you or deliver.

**Emmel & Maloney**

Phone 66



## WANT A WATER SUPPLY.

### Provide Means of Fighting Forest Fires.

Al to Bryan Morning Eagle.  
Wash., Dec. 22.—Northern  
association composed  
of Washington, Idaho,  
Wisconsin, Iowa and Ne-  
braska, owning hundreds of thous-  
and acres of virgin forest lands  
in the panhandle of Idaho, will urge  
the forestry department, headed by  
G. B. Pinchot, to co-operate with it  
in the protection of the standing tim-  
ber, including several hundred thous-  
and acres in the national forest re-  
served, declared to be the largest stand  
of white pine left intact on the con-  
tinent. The association expended more  
than \$100,000 this year in building  
maintaining stations and pa-  
trolling and fighting forest fires.

It is purposed to build a series of  
dams at the headwaters of the  
d'Alene, St. Maries and St. Joe  
rivers and their tributaries to creat-  
e numerous reservoirs to store the  
water from the mountains for use  
during the dry season. This  
will provide a means to fight fires,  
and also a steady flow in the  
rivers for logging, irrigating and  
other purposes and checking the  
drying of the spring freshets, thus  
reducing the danger of the destruc-  
tion of millions of dollars' worth of  
timber by the ravages of swollen  
mountain streams. The reservoirs  
will also increase the rainfall.

L. Flewelling of Spokane, chair-  
man of the committee on conserva-  
tion, will leave for Washington, D. C.,  
next year to discuss the matter  
with Mr. Pinchot and endeavor to  
secure federal aid in financing the proj-  
ect. The cost of building a lake of  
100 miles will not be more than  
\$100,000. As most of the dams are to  
be built on private land, it is believed  
that the landowner will support the plan.

## HATH CHARMS.

### Choir and Orchestra For a Big Revival.

Bryan Morning Eagle.  
Wash., Dec. 22.—One  
hundred voices in a choir and fifty  
in an orchestra will sup-  
ply music for the revival services  
directed by Rev. "Billy" Sun-  
derland at the tabernacle here, Dec. 25.  
Dr. Francis Walker, form-  
erly of the Conservatory of Music,  
Francis E. Woodward of  
the training of the singers and  
the director will handle the  
strings, reeds and brass.  
Sunday is coming to the city  
under the auspices of the Spokane  
association.

## an Girl's Revenge.

Dec. 22.—A terrible tragedy  
enacted in a hospital in  
here an author, named Car-  
butt, a man, had abandoned Ana,  
a sixteen-year-old girl, after  
her affections. The girl  
in the hospital and  
dagger in his left shoulder.  
When he was the man  
the dagger from the wound  
it several times into the  
body.

## Prosecuting Attorneys Confer.

son City, Mo., Dec. 27.—The  
association of prosecuting at-  
torneys met for a two days' confer-  
ence in this city today with nearly  
every county in the State represented.  
The chief purpose of the conference  
is to discuss legislative measures af-  
fecting the work of the prosecuting  
attorneys that will be brought before  
the legislature at its coming session.

## THE WEATHER.

New Orleans, Dec. 22.—Tonight and  
Wednesday, fair.—Cline.

## Weather Notes.

Galveston, Dec. 21.—A disturbance  
of moderate energy is central over  
the east Gulf coast which has been  
attended by general rains in the  
northeastern half of Texas and in  
middle and east Gulf states. A sec-  
ond disturbance is moving eastward  
over the Lake region and is causing  
rain or snow in that section. An area  
of high pressure covers the western  
half of the country and clear skies  
predominate over that region, with  
temperature below zero in Utah, Ne-  
vada and Wyoming. At time of report  
the temperature in Texas ranged from  
22 degrees at Amarillo to 48 degrees  
at Brownsville. The weather was fair  
in the western half of this State and  
generally cloudy in the eastern half,  
with a rain falling on the upper coast.

## River Bulletin.

River Stages: In feet and tenths.  
(75th Meridian time.)

Stations	Flood Stage	Stage at 8 a. m.
Brazos River—	stage	
Kopperl	21.0	0.3
Waco	22.0	1.7
Valley Junction	40.0	4.8

## River Forecast.

There will be no important change  
in the Trinity, Brazos and Colorado  
rivers.

B. BUNNEMEYER,  
Section Director.

## Cheap Gas at Pawhuska.

Pawhuska, Okla., Dec. 21.—Owing to  
keen competition Pawhuska is now en-  
joying the luxury of natural gas for  
domestic and industrial purposes at a  
rate cheaper than offered in any other  
Oklahoma town, and in order to con-  
tinue these benefits a special election  
has been called for Dec. 29 to decide  
the proposition of buying the gas prop-  
erties of the Citizens' Gas company,  
at an outlay of \$20,000, and the  
granting of a franchise to the Paw-  
huska Oil and Gas company, which  
will agree to furnish gas for a period  
of years at prevailing rates. For in-  
dustrial purposes the rate is 2 1/4  
cents per thousand, which by three-  
quarters of a cent per thousand, is  
cheaper than the rate Tulsa, Bartles-  
ville and other manufacturing towns  
are after.

## Shell Fisheries Association.

New York, Dec. 5.—A preliminary  
meeting for the organization of a pro-  
posed national association of commis-  
sioners of shell fisheries will be held  
here on Jan. 15. The states interested  
are Maine, Massachusetts, Connecti-  
cut, Rhode Island, New York, New Jer-  
sey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia,  
North Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Tex-  
as, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oregon, Cal-  
ifornia and Washington, all of which  
have given the proposed organization  
enthusiastic endorsement.

## Shoots Himself in Mouth.

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 21.—J. T. Fay,  
husband of Eva Fay, the "wonder  
worker," who has been appearing at  
a local theater, committed suicide at  
a hotel by shooting himself in the  
mouth. Mrs. Fay had just completed  
her engagement in this city and the  
luggage of the husband and wife had  
been checked to Denver, where they  
are next to play.

## Large Fire Loss.

Hazen, Ark., Dec. 21.—The large  
building occupied by the R. T. Sims  
Mercantile company and the Hammond  
Drug company, burned to the ground,  
and both stocks of the two business  
houses are a total loss. The cause of  
the fire is not known. The loss is es-  
timated at \$50,000, only partially cov-  
ered by insurance.

## Bailey to Oppose Parcels Post.

Fort Worth, Dec. 21.—The board of  
trade received a letter from Senator  
Bailey declaring he will vigorously op-  
pose parcels post bills. He expects the  
tariff on hides to remain unchanged  
if the fight is kept up.

# HOLIDAY GIFTS

## For the Husband, Sweetheart, Father and Boy.

## Give a Man Something to Wear if You Want to Please Him.

Our store is brimming over with sensible and practical novelties in Mens' wearables, especially selected for Holiday Gifts, gifts that are sure to please him, and all moderately priced. Buying your gifts at this store means that you get what a man would buy for himself, at the place he would get it, thereby both pleasing him and saving him money



COAT SWEATERS.

A new and sensible gift, in bright shades of green, red, grey, trimmed in contrasting colors.....  
\$2.50, \$3.00 and \$4.00



25 PER CENT DISCOUNT ON SMOK-  
ING JACKETS.

Handsome Golf Plaids in brown, grey and blue. Regular prices.....  
\$5.00, \$6.00 and \$7.50

BATH ROBES.

Rich holiday colorings of green, tan, red, blue, long and roomy, the best gift of all.....  
\$3.50, \$4.00 \$5.00 up to \$10.00



SILK MUFFLERS

Beautiful new shades in new designs of Autumn leaves, stripes and plaids some in nice Christmas boxes.....

50c to \$2.50



HANDKERCHIEFS

Fine linen initial or plain hemstitched beautifully boxed, half dozen in fancy box.....\$1.50  
Set of silk handkerchiefs, tie and hose to match in nice box.....\$1.50



CHRISTMAS NECKWEAR

New shipment just in for Christmas in beautiful holiday colorings, swell new shapes. The better ones in nice Christmas boxes.....  
25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00



SILK SUSPENDERS.

New Holiday patterns with fancy buckles, nicely boxed.....  
50c, 75c, and \$1.00

Sets of suspenders, hose supporters and arm bands in elegant Christmas boxes.....  
75c, \$1.00 and \$1.50

Mens' bed room slippers in black or brown kid, felt and alligator, \$1.50 to \$2.50. Bath room slippers in bright, fancy colors, per pair 75c. Mens' umbrellas, suit cases, traveling bags, Gillett razors, pajamas, night shirts, fancy hosiery, Hole-proof hose guaranteed for six months, etc. Hundreds of other sensible Christmas gifts for men, too numerous to mention, all within easy reach of your purse.

## Don't forget our big Clothing Sale is on all This Week

Be sure and see our Christmas Windows.

# Parks & Waldrop

Bryan's Big Clothing Store.

## San Cupid's Busy Day.

Ames, Iowa, Dec. 22.—Three mem-  
bers of the faculty of Iowa State col-  
lege will launch their barks upon the  
sea of matrimony tomorrow, which  
will be the first day of the winter vaca-  
tion. Prof. Webster will wed Miss  
Loretta Williams of this city and at  
almost the same hour Prof. C. H.  
Ford will be married to Miss Clara

Galloway in Marshalltown, and Prof.  
R. H. Porter will lead Miss Beasle  
Rittle to the altar in Pawhuska, Okla.  
The three professors selected the holi-  
day season for their weddings in or-  
der that they might not lose any time  
from their college work.

Read Wilson and Derden special  
Xmas ad on first page.

## University Will Honor Poe.

Charlottesville, Va., Dec. 22.—A  
number of noted scholars and speak-  
ers have been invited to take part in  
the exercises to be held at the Uni-  
versity of Virginia next month in cel-  
ebration of the centennial of the birth  
of Edgar Allan Poe. Poe was a stu-  
dent at the University in 1826 and  
the records still in existence show

that he distinguished himself by  
marked proficiency in Latin and  
French and in Italian translation. He  
left the institution before the time for  
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#### DIVORCES WHILE YOU WAIT.

Fort Worth is fast earning the name of a divorce center on account of the large number of divorce suits filed and divorces granted.

This character of litigation is rapidly increasing and there is no evidence of an abatement.

Saturday afternoon Judge Tom Simmons heard five divorce cases and granted a divorce in each case. In two of them the suits for divorce were filed less than six hours before decrees of divorce were entered on the court docket. The two cases in which these speedy divorces were granted were: M. M. Iverson vs. W. C. Iverson and Lulu Welch vs. Albert Welch. Speaking of this feature of litigation after court adjourned, Judge Simmons said:

"I suppose if this divorce business keeps up train parties on approaching Fort Worth will call out to passengers on the train: Fort Worth! Fort Worth! Best town in Texas and 20 minutes for divorce!"—Fort Worth Star.

#### MCCORQUODALE CASE AFFIRMED.

A special from Washington to the Houston Post says:

"In the supreme court the case of William McCorquodale, plaintiff in error, against the State of Texas, was affirmed with costs. McCorquodale was convicted in Brazos county of murder and brought an alleged flaw in entering judgment, and an appeal was made on the ground that his conviction was not according to due process of law."

McCorquodale was convicted on circumstantial evidence of the murder of Henry Spell and sentenced to the penitentiary for life. He has already served one year of his imprisonment. There is now no hope of his ever being a free man again except in executive clemency.

To the sufferers behind the counter: have time to take a long breath.

The president-elect is the only cabinet maker; the others are cabinet fakers.

There would be precious little business if there were no boosters. The best citizens are in the front rank of the boosters' firing line.

San Antonio turned two political somersaults this year. Wonder if putting on the lid will hold her down for the municipal election next spring.

As yet The Eagle has noted only two reports of hands maimed by fire-crackers. The full returns will not be in until next Saturday or Sunday.

The Colorado Valley Pilot, published at Wharton, is a new weekly as clean and sweet as a lump of cut-loaf sugar out of the sugar bowl of Texas.

It is not improbable that citrus fruits will be profitably grown for market in Brazos county. But The Eagle don't advise anybody to plant an orange orchard yet.

Last Sunday New Braunfels was for the bibulous the only oasis in the Sahara of Texas. All Texas is watching to see the lid put on next Sunday. Slam it down, governor.

The warnings of the newspapers to their readers to shop early were heeded about like the antediluvians heeded the preaching of Noah. And now the flood has overtaken the unbelievers. Served them right.

The prophecies of disaster in connection with the Panama canal call to mind that similar predictions were made when the Suez ditch was dug. A leading religious journal declared that its failure was foretold in Scripture.

In the first half of the sixth century church and state were united and the result was the darkest period of modern history. Persecution, cruelty and bloodshed ran riot for twelve and a half centuries. During this long period more than fifty million martyrs testified to the awful results of a union of church and state. No wonder the lovers of civil and religious liberty are suspicious of whatever savors of priestcraft.

The stalwart Republicans object to Mr. Taft retaining Luke Wright in the cabinet on the ground that he is "luke-warm." When Luke right turned Luke wrong to get an office isn't it natural that he should be luke-warm.

After all the cost of building the battleships and sending them around the world it is going to take \$12,000,000 to scrape off the barnacles and clean them for inspection when they get home. A navy is an expensive toy.

Surely Governor Campbell does not intend permanently to withhold the commissions of officers duly elected and certified because of their alleged neglect of their official duty. The probability is that he simply wants to bring them to a realizing sense of the meaning of the oath of office, which some of them seem never to have taken seriously.

Texas could raise and manufacture almost everything the people eat, drink or wear more cheaply than it can be produced elsewhere. If it were so, all the money received from other states and countries for cotton, cattle, wool, hides and other products would be kept at home. Every one can help bring this to pass by giving the preference to Texas products.

#### EATING TOO MUCH.

Overnutrition is Just as Harmful as Malnutrition.

It is an acknowledged fact that almost every soul of us eats too much. The digestive organs are constantly overtaxed and finally weakened. When wisely followed, the practice of fasting can be most beneficial. An expert on the food question has said that one should rise from the table with the feeling of hunger, which is an experience known to very few of us. On the contrary, the majority of people leave the board with a sense of burden which only an hour's siesta can alleviate. This is not so much owing to the fact that the food is uncommonly rich, for the rule of the simple life obtains now in the fashionable cuisine, but it is the quantity taken. There is a large community at the present moment which fasts from breakfast time till dinner at night. It is a question if it is wise to leave the stomach entirely without food during all those hours, but there is no question that the lighter the lunch taken the better will be the health of the individual. By a "light lunch" in this instance is meant what most people would not call a lunch at all—that is to say, a few crackers with cheese (a much maligned article of diet), a few nuts and a bit of fruit or a cup of cocoa with dry toast. Such a "feast" prevents the craving for food and in no way taxes the digestive organs. Overnutrition is just as harmful as malnutrition and is far more frequently the cause of maladies. With judicious fasting the system recovers its lost tone, and mental workers would find that the brain worked with surprising lightness, for the brain is one of the chief sufferers from over-eating.—New York American.

#### BRITISH PRINCES.

Very Different From the King in Exemption From Laws.

So privileged is the king of England in his exemption from any and every law that one would naturally expect his children might do pretty much as they like. But Englishmen have always been very jealous of royal personages, and the fact is that princes enjoy very few privileges indeed. A prince of the royal blood may be fined, like any ordinary mortal, if his motor car exceeds the legal limit of speed.

The Prince of Wales cannot be sued personally for debt. If the debt is not paid the creditor may take out a summons, but he must summon the treasurer, not the prince. If the case goes against the treasurer the money is paid out of the prince's assets.

No child of the king who is under twenty-five can marry without the king's consent. Supposing, however, a prince over twenty-five desired to marry and the king refused his consent, then the prince could give notice of his intention to the privy council. After that he would have to restrain his patience for a whole year. If during that time either the house of lords or the house of commons disapproved of the marriage it could not take place. But if both houses of parliament were satisfied the prince could marry the woman of his choice.

A prince has not even the right to educate his own children, for it was long ago laid down that the king has the care and education of his grandchildren while they are minors.—London Telegraph.

#### The Fleur-de-lis.

The origin and therefore the full heraldic meaning of the fleur-de-lis is disputed. By some the emblem is supposed to represent a lily, by others the iron head of some weapon, presumably a lance. From the claims put forth by English sovereigns to certain principalities in France, gained by inheritance or marriage, the French royal coat appeared as a quartering in the English royal arms, but it was abolished by George IV.

Everything pretty and new for men, women and children in Xmas presents. Wilson & Darden.

#### ERRATIC SCIENCE.

Some Wonderful Answers by School-room Small Boys.

"Mushrooms always grow in damp places, and so they look like umbrellas," wrote a small boy in the science examination. Other examples of the "howler" are compiled by a writer in the Scientific American:

"Air is the most necessary of all the elements. If there were no such thing as air I would not be writing this essay now, also there would be no pneumatic tires, which would be a sad loss. "Electricity and lightning are of the same nature, the only difference being that lightning is often several miles in length, while electricity is only a few inches.

"Air usually has no weight, but found to weigh about fifteen pounds to a square inch.

"The axis of the earth is an imaginary line on which the earth is supposed to take its daily routine.

"The difference between air and water is that air can be made wetter, but water cannot.

"Gravity is chiefly noticeable in the autumn when the apples are falling from the trees.

"Things which are equal to each other are equal to anything else.

"A parallel straight line is one which if produced to meet itself does not meet.

"The blood is putrefied in the lungs by inspired air."

#### TIPS IN SCOTLAND.

An Example of How Some Servants Win Their Wages.

A gentleman was invited to a shoot in Scotland at two places close together. He arrived at the first place, and immediately after his arrival at the first house received a telegram calling him back to town. He, however, determined to have one day's shooting and to proceed to town by the night mail.

At the end of the day he gave the head keeper £1 and asked him to send his gun and cartridge bag over to the other place for which he had an invitation and where he proposed proceeding in three or four days' time.

On his arrival there after his visit to town he found his gun, etc., had not arrived, whereupon he wrote to the keeper, asking him to forward it at once, and he received a reply stating that when he (the keeper) had received the other £4 to which he was "entitled" the gun would be forwarded. It was detained till payment was made.

The gentleman wrote to the keeper's master and received a reply that "he (the master) never interfered between his guests and his servants in the matter of tips." The gentleman ascertained that the master in question paid the keeper no wages, but left him to get what he could out of the guests.—London Times.

#### Luck In Horseshoes.

The superstition about luck in horseshoes dates back too far for record, but it was not always confined to the horseshoe. Any piece of iron found in one's path was accounted a sign of good luck, and as horseshoes were more commonly picked up than any other article of that metal that particular object at last became the standard emblem of good fortune and the supposed defense against bad luck. In Aubrey's "Miscellanies," written 200 years ago, the author mentions having seen the horseshoe nailed up in church, and he also says that "most of the houses in the west end of London have the horseshoe on the threshold." The horseshoe to possess virtue must have been found, not purchased or looked up. Admiral Nelson had great faith in the luck of the horseshoe, and one was nailed to the mast of his ship, the Victory.—London Chronicle.

#### One Thing He Could Not Have.

Although there was no sort of toy which could be bought and for which Harold had expressed a desire that was not in his possession, he still had his unsatisfied longings. "I know what I wish I was, mother," he said one day when his own big brother had gone away and the little boy across the street was ill. "Yes, dear," said his mother. "Perhaps you can be it, Harold; mother will help you. Is it to play soldier?" "No, indeed!" said Harold scornfully. "I just wish I was two little dogs, so I could play together."—Youth's Companion.

#### Bouncing Betsey.

There is an old fashioned flower called "Bouncing Betsey," which every one should love for one trait. We have noticed that it grows on all neglected graves, as if trying to cover up the fact that some one who once lived is forgotten. It may also be found in corners of old fashioned gardens, where it grows and blooms and protests against being pushed out entirely. There are some dear old fashioned people who suggest "Bouncing Betsey."—Atchison Globe.

#### Her Latest Luxury.

"Young man," said the heavy father, "do you understand the style in which my daughter has been accustomed to live? She has always had every luxury she wanted." "And now I'm the luxury she wants," murmured the suitor.—London Globe.

#### Information Wanted.

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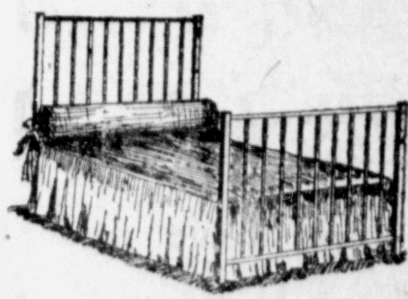
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
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Reckless Pranks Played With  
Heavenly Bodies.

### IMPOSSIBILITIES IN NATURE.

A Rainbow Depicted Wrong Side Out  
and Moons in Positions and Forms  
That Could Not Occur—Amusing  
Anachronisms by Old Time Artists.

That artists, like authors, should commit many errors of fact is hardly a cause for wonder. Rather, it is astonishing that they are not found oftener at fault in view of the great variety of knowledge required in their work. Despite this, however, there is no manner of excuse for certain absurdities.

For example, there is the case of an English painter who depicted an elaborate rainbow. Unfortunately he painted it wrong side out. But we forget amazement at such stupidity in admiration for the artist's magnificent audacity when we learn that he charged £20 additional for repainting the rainbow colored in accordance with nature's arrangement.

Painters are very prone to distrust the astronomers by their reckless pranks with the heavenly bodies, particularly with the moon. One artist presented a scene in which was a crescent moon low in the eastern sky directly opposite a setting sun. Moreover, this genius disdained the criticisms of the learned. He insisted that this arrangement was necessary for the composition, inasmuch as the rest of the picture would be destroyed by a full moon—the only one possible in such a situation.

Other artists have trifled with the moon by turning its convexity away from the sun, which is, of course, impossible in nature. In one picture the moon was placed near the constellation of the Great Bear, though as a matter of fact the satellite never ventures into this part of the heavens. There are, too, oft recurring errors made in the bulk of the orb. An American astronomer amused himself by measuring the moons in a number of paintings. He established the fact that by reckoning from the satellite's size the average height of the hills in these landscapes was forty-three miles. One of the mountains, indeed, had the stupendous altitude of a hundred miles.

Artists of old time were often outrageously wrong, sometimes necessarily by reason of the limitations imposed by the ignorance of the period. A Dutch artist painted the garden of Eden with well clipped borders and yew trees trimmed into fantastic shapes. He wrought in all innocence, for of such sort were the only gardens of his experience. But the excuse does not apply to a Dutch painting of 1794. This showed Abraham about to slaughter Isaac by means of a blunderbuss—the product of an age 3,000 years after the time of the patriarchs! Yet this mistake occurs again and again. There have been elaborate paintings of the children of Israel crossing the Red sea with muskets on their shoulders. A beautiful ivory tankard, an Augsburg carving of the early seventeenth century, was sold for a high price in London not long ago. The design, which is exquisite in workmanship, shows the good Samaritan, with his attendants, in the Jericho road. One of the servants carries a gun!

Many a child as well as some older persons has puzzled over that "beam" in the eye of which the New Testament speaks. It is not always understood that this means a beam of light. But it was left to Solomon Bernard, in his woodcuts illustrating the Bible, published at Lyons in 1553, to picture this beam as one of wood, rectangular in section and several feet in length!

The matter of costumes offers vast opportunity for flaws, which the painters have not failed to seize. In the national gallery at Edinburgh Pharaoh's daughter and her accompanying women are exhibited garbed in the long waisted bodices and hooped skirts of Europe in the sixteenth century. The national collection in London has a picture of Joseph and his kindred in Egypt, where the buildings shown are not at all Egyptian in their style of architecture, but distinctly Italian. In the same gallery Paolo Veronese's "The Family of Darius at the Feet of Alexander After the Battle of Issus" displays the women of the group in the pointed waists and inflated skirts that made the familiar dress of Venetian women in the painter's time.

Errors that have to do with armor may be more readily pardoned, though the artists fall lamentably in knowledge as to the earlier forms of metal protection. Thus in some paintings showing the time of Christ the warriors are seen clad in beautifully damascened mail, yet this form of armor did not come into actual use until half a thousand years later.

Similarly, in other pictures of Christ's time, monks are portrayed in their robes, with tonsures. In fact, however, they did not exist in the church prior to the fourth century A. D.

A curious illustration of the limitations set on genius by circumstance is exhibited in one of the world's most famous paintings, "The Last Supper." Leonardo da Vinci simply did not know that the table, the cloth, the plates, the knives and forks and salt cellars were impossibilities in the scene he designed to portray. The eastern people of that age who were his subjects used no table, no chairs, no forks, but squatted about a common dish and ate from it with their fingers. —Pittsburg Post.

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## IN EUROPEAN CAPITALS.

### Yuletide at Sandringham.

London, Dec. 22.—The preparations for the Yuletide celebration of the royal family which, as in former years, will be held at Sandringham palace, are nearly completed. The king and queen arrived at Sandringham two days ago to superintend the final arrangements.

There will be a large family party at Sandringham on Christmas day. Early in the morning the children will be permitted to roam through the palace to awaken all sleepers with cheerful Christmas greetings. After breakfast the king and queen with the older children and members of the house party attend divine service in the Chapel of St. Mary Magdalen. The Christmas tree for the members of the royal family, a good sized sapling, substantial enough to carry the heavy load of presents, has been placed in the outer hall and on Christmas morning the whole family will assemble around it to receive the presents which thoughtful Santa Claus has provided for each member.

On Christmas day the royal family has a regular family dinner. The royal banquet, to which all members of the house party are invited and which usually a brilliant affair, does not take place until the day after Christmas.

### Christkindl at Potsdam.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—In accordance with German custom the Imperial family will have its principal celebration and distribution of presents on Christmas eve. It has always been the custom in the Imperial family to have a separate Christmas tree for each member of the family and this year there will be not less than twelve trees, graded in size according to the age of the member for whom they are intended, lined up in the big hall of the Potsdam castle. The celebration will be confined to the royal family, but all the members of the court and the royal household will be remembered by generous presents. The Christmas dinner on Christmas eve will also be a family affair, but on Christmas day a number of guests will be present at the state dinner.

### Weinachten in the Hofburg.

Vienna, Dec. 22.—Christmas is not a particularly cheerful event at the Hofburg and, in fact has never been one since the days when the lamented crown prince scampered, like the wild boy he was, through the dingy corridors of the old Burg and played pranks on his sister Gisela. Now the

old Emperor is alone in the magnificent palace and there are no children to scream with delight over the magnificent Christmas tree and the hundreds of beautiful presents so dear to a child's heart. Now the celebration is confined to a liberal distribution of presents to the members of the royal household and wholesale gifts of charity to the sick and poor. The Emperor observes the day merely as a religious feast and passes the day quietly, devoting himself to sad recollections and deeds of charity.

### Natale at the Quirinal.

Rome, Dec. 22.—King Victor Emmanuel, Queen Eleanor and the royal children will celebrate Christmas in a fashion of their own, combining some of the Teutonic features with the traditional Italian celebration. The royal children will have their Christmas tree and handsome presents and also a distribution of presents by lot, as is the Italian custom, but there will be no official celebration including the royal household or other guests.

## NATIONAL SCOPE.

### Presidents of Texas Farmers' Union Plan Action on Large Scale.

Fort Worth, Dec. 22.—At a meeting of county presidents of the Texas Farmers' union and warehouse managers action of national scope was planned. The conference decided to seek an amendment to the Vreeland-Aldrich currency bill so as to make cotton warehouse receipts negotiable. As a first step all union warehouses are to be merged into federation and paper will be issued of \$50 to each bale, provided the scheme succeeds. Conference express confidence that they can secure necessary legislation.

### To Reduce Yardage Fees.

Fort Worth, Dec. 22.—Beginning Jan. 1, the Fort Worth Stockyards company announce, yardage fees will be reduced. The reduction will save Texas cattlemen thousands of dollars annually and stimulate trade. The present fees are \$12 per car for cattle and 15 cents per head for calves.

### Puts Bullet into Brain.

Omaha, Dec. 22.—William R. Kelly, cashier of the Union Pacific railway at South Omaha, committed suicide by sending a bullet through his brain.

Kelly's office has been undergoing a periodical checking up by the auditor for the past week, but Union Pacific officials declare that so far as the auditor had gone Kelly's accounts were in perfect condition. Kelly left a letter to his wife which indicated that overwork had perhaps unbalanced his mind. He was twenty-eight years old and was a son of A. R. Kelly, solicitor of the Union Pacific.

## MAD KING'S FANCIES.

### Remarkable Report of King Ludwig's Eccentricities.

Special to Bryan Morning Eagle.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—To justify the incarceration of King Ludwig II of Bavaria as a madman in 1896, a few days before he drowned himself in the Lake of Starnberg, publication has been begun in Munich of a remarkable report made by the Bavarian Cabinet to a secret session of the Diet. This report gives new details of the eccentricities which led to his Majesty's dethronement.

From his earliest childhood King Ludwig evinced signs of insanity, as did his brother the still living and insane King Otto. Ludwig began to arouse comment in 1864 through his disinclination to receive foreign rulers or diplomats. Later he developed a dislike of meeting people, declined to attend church, built himself a luxurious private chapel. King Ludwig, the report goes on to state, desired to exchange his kingdom of Bavaria for the island of Cyprus. He had given orders to find a country where absolutist government was possible. The orders were carried out and the king caused a letter to be written to the Turkish Sultan offering to exchange Bavaria for Cyprus.

It was his Majesty's unparalleled extravagance which finally caused his dethronement. He spent millions of dollars in building gorgeous castles, and embellishing them in the most costly style. He constantly demanded increases in the civil list and dismissed or ordered the arrest of ministers who declined to carry out his wishes.

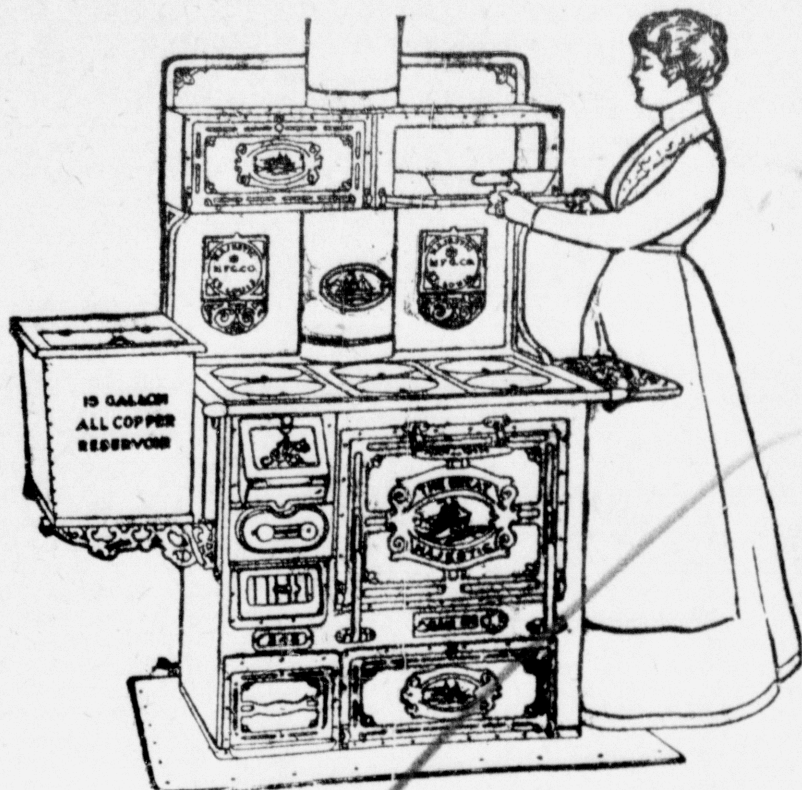
### Japanese Diet Opens.

Tokio, Dec. 22.—The Japanese Diet convened today and was opened with the customary formalities. Prospective measures relating to the nation's finances, the army and navy, foreign relations and existing conditions in China and Korea combine to give promise of an interesting and important session.

### Beekkeepers in Session.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Dec. 22.—The large number of visitors in the city in attendance on the conventions of the Corn Growers and Farmers' Institute workers was increased today by the arrival of many members of the South Dakota Beekkeepers' association. The association held a session in the auditorium for the discussion of various questions of common interest.

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# THE TIME and THE PLACE

The Opportunity Is Yours

## FOR One WEEK

Just To Make A Clean Sweep

Beginning Monday December the 21st. We will place on sale our entire stock of suits overcoats and cravenetts at 25 per cent off regular price. Remember our clothing is all new this season's purchase—no carried over goods to offer—and nothing reserved. All men's trousers from \$3.00 to \$8.00 will be included in this sale at same discount.

**Brandon & Lawrence**  
Men's Outfitters





# GROCERY GOODIES

Crystalized Cherries, per pound.....65c  
Crystalized Pine Apples, per pound.....65c  
Large Fine Imported Figs, per pound.....25c

Just received a large shipment of BLANK-WENNEKER  
CANDY CO.'S

## Fine Candies

Per pound.....40c

**ED. HALL** PHONE 22 & 114

### RAILROAD TIME CARD. H. & T. C. Schedule.

No. 3 North bound.....1:38 p.m.  
No. 5 North bound.....12:46 a.m.  
No. 2 South bound.....3:40 p.m.  
No. 6 South bound.....2:48 a.m.  
I. & G. N. Schedule.  
No. 14 North bound.....12:58 p.m.  
No. 15 South bound.....4:11 p.m.

### LOCALS AND PERSONALS.

Christmas cigars at Cavitt's. 14  
Mr. Joe Atkins of College was a visitor to the city Monday.  
Mr. J. Harris of Harris Schoolhouse was in the city Monday.  
Mr. J. J. Jones of College was a visitor to the city Monday.  
Mr. G. W. Saxon of Reliance was a visitor to the city Monday.  
Mr. Nath Cotnam of Harvey transacted business here Tuesday.  
Mrs. Dr. Harrison left yesterday afternoon for a trip to Bedias.  
Mr. J. H. Dowling of Wellborn transacted business here Monday.  
Mrs. C. M. Bell left yesterday for Waxahachie to spend the holidays.  
Mr. I. M. Bond of Prospect was a business visitor to the city Tuesday.  
Mr. Jesse Hensarling of Steep Hollow transacted business here Tuesday.  
Mr. Oscar Wilcox was a visitor to the city Tuesday on a shopping trip.  
Car of Oklahoma corn on track for sale. Big fine corn clear of weevils. Phone 53. R. L. Brogdon. 13  
Mr. G. W. Saxon left last night for a holiday visit to relatives in Georgia.  
Mr. William Pope of Kieth, Grimes county, was a business visitor to the city Tuesday and traded with Bryan's progressive dealers.

Mr. B. A. Huggins of Kurten transacted business with Santa Claus Monday.  
Mr. Crenshaw of Kieth, Grimes county transacted business here Tuesday.  
Mrs. J. S. Mooring and little son, Ward, left yesterday for a trip to Marlin.  
Mr. C. S. Gainer left yesterday for Mumfords and his Brazos bottom plantation.  
Mr. Tom Smith of Reliance was a visitor from his home at Reliance Monday.  
Furs, silk waists, fine skirts, gloves, pretty novelties of all kinds for Xmas. Wilson & Darden. 13  
Mr. J. E. Cotton was a business visitor from Mesa, Grimes county, Tuesday.  
Mr. Will Myers of Mesa, Grimes county, was a business visitor to the city Monday.  
Mrs. Jas. Swanson returned to Navasota yesterday after a visit to Mrs. D. C. Suber.  
Mrs. R. M. Scott of Mesa, Grimes county, was in the city on a shopping trip Tuesday.  
Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Horton of Reliance were in the city yesterday on a shopping trip.  
Messrs. H. T. Todd and J. H. Todd of Harvey were business visitors to the city Tuesday.  
Note Emmel & Maloney's announcement offering their Xmas goods at absolute cost. You can't afford to miss it.  
Miss Mary Schultz returned to Houston yesterday after a visit to Mrs. Jessie Fairly.  
Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Winslow of Galveston, arrived yesterday to spend the holidays with Mrs. Winslow's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Walker.

Mr. J. W. Goodman of Zulch, Madison county, was a business visitor to the city Tuesday.

Mrs. J. D. Hunting and son Goodwin of Houston are guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hanway.

Mrs. J. C. Nagle and daughter were in from College Monday making Christmas purchases.

Mr. J. W. Goodman and son of Cross, Grimes county, were in the city trading Tuesday.

For rent—Six room house on lot adjoining my residence. Convenient to school. M. H. James. 14

Mrs. H. Greel left Tuesday for Clifton, Bosque county, to spend Christmas with her parents.

Mr. W. P. Mize of Mesa, Grimes county, transacted business with Bryan's merchants Tuesday.

You will not find the equal of our store in variety and quality and we are offering these goods at cost. Emmel & Maloney. 14

Misses Buna and Bertie Risinger of Steep Hollow were holiday shoppers in the city Tuesday.

Mrs. Devalson Buchanan, and Miss Fay Buchanan of Harvey were visitors to the city yesterday.

Mrs. J. M. Carson, and daughter, residing near College, were holiday shoppers in the city Monday.

15 per cent off on all furniture purchased for cash at James & Nunn's till Jan. 1. 20

Miss Lizie Suber arrived yesterday from Franklin and is the guest of her mother, Mrs. J. H. Suber.

Mrs. E. J. Kyle of College visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Allen Myers of this city yesterday.

Mr. Mark Wilcox, a successful farmer of the Harris school community was in the city Tuesday.

Mr. Chas. Veamirovsky has returned from Hallettsville where he was called by the death of his father.

Miss Virginia Watkins will spend the holidays in Houston as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Russel C. Watkins.

Your wife will appreciate a dinner set of Haviland China for Christmas. Buy it of Haswell. 14

Messrs. Lindsey McCleary and Charles Mize of Iowa, Grimes county, were business visitors to the city Tuesday.

Miss Ruby Connolly left yesterday for Austin where she will spend the Christmas vacation with her parents.

Mr. J. A. Beard, identified with the affairs of the Wixon community, was a business visitor to the city Tuesday.

Talk to James & Nunn about furniture. A saving of 15 per cent. 20

Mrs. Lola Reynolds left Monday afternoon for a holiday visit to her brother, Mr. E. P. Gilpin, at Pinson, Ala.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Wilson of Terrell are spending the holidays with Mr. Wilson's mother Mrs. W. H. Wilson.

FOR RENT—My residence, furnished or unfurnished. Mrs. Dr. Jas. R. Johnson. 302-328

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Holdei of Galveston are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Presnal at their home in Cottonwood.

Mrs. B. Sblsa of College will spend the Christmas holidays with Professor and Mrs. E. W. Kerr, in Baton Rouge, La.

Mr. C. A. Lindsey, manager of the A. J. Wagner stores in Texas, returned from a business trip to Mexico yesterday afternoon.

Neckwear, suspenders, gloves, silk half hose and many useful presents for men and boys. Wilson & Darden. 13

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bowles and Mrs. Willie Bowers have returned from a protracted stay in Karnes county to their home at Reliance.

Just received extra select oysters in bulk, \$1.25 per hundred. C. C. Edinburg. 13

COME TO

# A. McKENZIE'S

**Jewelry Store. See his Stock and get Prices Before Buying Your Christmas Presents**

He has all kinds of Ladies' and Gents' Gold and Filled Watches, Chains, Rings, Brooches of a great variety of style and prices; Bracelets, Locketts and Locket Chains, etc., etc.

**Silver Novelties, Solid Silver, Cut Glass**

See our line of Hand Painted Limoges China. There is no better made; also a fine assortment of the lower priced Hand Painted Bavarian China.

**A Discount of 25% on Gold Headed Umbrellas**  
**DON'T FORGET**

# A. McKENZIE

Mr. Hugh Boggs of Foard county, arrived Tuesday afternoon for Christmas visit to his aunt, Mrs. Mark Wilcox, of Harris School Community.

The many friends of Mrs. John N. Henderson and son, Thurston, will be interested to know that they have recently moved to Houston.

Mr. Edgar Chaney and Miss Annie Chaney were visitors from Mesa, Grimes county Tuesday, and found Bryan the finest place to trade in Texas.

Miss Viola Dixon of Millican was in the city Monday inspecting the handsome holiday showings of our merchants and making Christmas purchases.

Miss Alma Cole, a student at the University in Austin, arrived yesterday to spend the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Cole.

Miss Lucile Batte arrived yesterday afternoon from the University at Austin, to spend the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Batte.

Mrs. Manuel Thibedeaux arrived from her home in Fort Worth Monday for a Christmas visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Morgan, of Reliance.

Mr. Henry Benbow of Harris School house was in the city Monday and left in the afternoon for Alabama to visit homefolks during the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. A. W. Wilkerson and children will spend the holidays with Mrs. Wilkerson's mother in Austin, and left via I. & G. N. Tuesday for the Capitol city.

Mr. G. White is here for the holidays with his parents. Mr. White now makes his home in Cordell, Okla., where he is working for Messrs. Ford & Co., who formerly conducted a business enterprise in this city.

Mrs. C. M. Camp of Navasota was in the city yesterday, returning home in the afternoon. Her daughter, Miss Ira Maude, a student at Villa Maria, returned with her, to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Brown of this city left Sunday for Mobile, Ala., and after a short visit to friends in the Alabama metropolis will proceed to Meridian, Miss. for a visit to the parents of Mr. Brown, returning home shortly after the 1st of the year.

Mr. O. E. Minkert, foreman of the mechanical department of The Bryan Morning Eagle, returned from New Orleans, where he has been studying the internal economy and the internal contrivances of the Mergenthaler typesetting machine. He thinks he can do it.

Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Challener left yesterday for a holiday visit to their former homes at Taylor and Georgetown respectively. They will be absent during the holidays, and there will be no preaching at the Christian church next Sunday. Other services as usual.

Mrs. C. C. Anglin and wee Miss Mildred, the fairy Golden Locks of the Anglin home, left Sunday for Mart, where Mrs. Anglin will spend the Christmas holidays with her mother. After Christmas she will move to Groesbeck, where Mr. Anglin and his

brother will be associated together in the drug business. For the past year Mr. Anglin has been connected with the E. J. Jenkins drug store of this city, and has made many friends who will wish for him a bountiful measure of success in the business in which he will engage.

The Texas Woman's College closed for the holidays yesterday. Work will be resumed Monday, January 4.

Two special trains were operated by the I. & G. N. out of College Station last night to accommodate the students homeward bound for Christmas vacation. One of the trains left for the north at 10:40, connecting with the main line at Valley, and the other left for the south at 3:40 this morning, connecting at Navasota with the G. C. & S. F.

**To The Merchants' Association.**  
This is to notify all members of the Retail Merchants association that the regular meeting of the Association which was to have been held on Friday afternoon, Dec. 25, has been postponed to Monday afternoon, December 28, at 3 o'clock p. m., and the place of meeting will be Carnegie hall instead of the K. of P. hall as usual.

EUGENE EDGE, Pres.  
JNO. B. HINES, Sec.

If you are undecided what to buy for Xmas, look over Emmel & Maloney's store. They are selling everything in this line at cost. 14

## GRAND OPERA HOUSE Adelaide Thurston The Woman of the Hour

**Thursday Night DEC. 31**

SEATS ON SALE AT CAVITT'S

# CHRISTMAS WEEK SPECIAL

Our store offers some specials to you all this week in Holiday Goods. You will find the center tables arranged with displays of holiday merchandise at prices that are an inducement to the Christmas shoppers. We place on sale today one lot of very beautiful Japanese drawn work at one-half the regular price. Aside from this we are showing a beautiful line of Men's Neckwear in fancy Christmas boxes that are gems of beauty in this seasons popular shades, red, green and brown. Also a large assortment of very handsome suspenders, put up in handsome Christmas boxes, these range in price from 50c. 5c to \$1.00 a pair. For the ladies we have a beautiful line of fancy notions at popular prices; these include alligator hand bags, purses, gloves, etc., belt pins, belt buckles, ribbons, gloves, hosiery.

ON THE CORNER

**EUGENE EDGE**

ON THE CORNER

"THE FASHION SHOP"

### SPECIALS

1 lot 12 dozen pieces of Beautiful Japanese Drawn work, in prices ranging from \$1.50 up to \$6.00 a piece. Prices cut in half for Christmas week.

### GLOVES

Ladies' Gloves in white, black or tan. This makes a most appropriate gift. at per pair

\$1.00

### ALLIGATOR HANDBAGS

These are made up in long and narrow or deep and short long and deep as suits your choice. From \$3.00 up to

\$10.00

### HANDKERCHIEFS

Beautiful baby Irish lace handkerchiefs

\$1.50

Box handkerchief

\$1.50

Box handkerchief

90c

### LADIES HOSIERY

Specials in this department are unsurpassed. Beautiful silk hose, hand embroidered flowers, regular \$3.00 kind at, per pair

\$2.50

### HAIR COMBS

A beautiful line of these combs can be seen in our show window. Prices to suit your purse, 50c up to

\$12.00

### MENS' NECKWEAR

A handsome assortment of neckties in all colors and styles, put up in beautiful Christmas boxes choice per box

50c

### MENS' SUSPENDERS

Beautiful hand embroidered suspenders in all colors, per box 50c, 75c and

\$1.00

### SHIRTS

Men's fine madras shirts, \$1.50 kind

\$1.45

\$1.25 kind

\$1.00

\$1.00 kind

59c



# COL. T. D. WILLIAMSON DEAD.

After an illness of one month's duration, Colonel T. D. Williamson departed this life last evening at 6 o'clock, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Trant. The funeral will be held this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, Rev. T. H. Morris, officiating, and the services will be conducted according to the ritual of the Masonic lodge, of which deceased was a member for many years. The interment will occur in the City Cemetery, where also lie the ashes of his wife, who died many years ago.

Deceased is survived by two sons, Messrs. John and Charles N., both traveling men, residing in Fort Worth. Mr. John Williamson was with his father when the summons came, and the absent son was telegraphed for and arrived on the early morning train today.

Col. Williamson was nearly 78 years of age at the time of his death. He was a gallant ex-Confederate soldier, having served the South in various capacities during its historic and unequal struggle. At the time of the declaration of hostilities he was engaged in the buggy and wagon manufacturing business in Marion, Ala. This business he suspended to take up arms in defense of the cause, and served one year in the army. At the end of the first year he was detailed as superintendent of the manufacture of transportation equipment for the Confederate government at Selma, Ala., where he remained two years, then re-entered the army and served to the close. While in action on the battlefield, the keystone Masonic charm which he wore up to the time of his death became detached from his watch chain, and was lost. The finder of the trinket, however, reading the inscription, forwarded it to him at Marion, Ala., from whence it was sent to him to Texas. The inscription reads: T. D. Williamson, Marion Chapter No. 12, Marion, Ala. The keystone is considerably worn, now, and the hand of time has so nearly effaced the date of its making as to be undecipherable. It is believed, however, that the charm is one of the oldest Masonic emblems in this section.

Colonel Williamson was for nearly forty years a resident of Bryan. He was born in Fayetteville, N. C., moving to Alabama, thence to Texas, engaging in the manufacture of wagons and buggies here, where he amassed a competency. He was also interested in Brazos bottom farms some years ago, but for the past six years had retired altogether from business activity.

His death brings sincere regret to those who knew him longest and best.

## ATTENTION MASONS.

All members of Brazos Union Lodge No. 129, are requested to be at the lodge hall promptly at 3 o'clock today to attend the funeral of Col. T. D. Williamson. O. L. Saunders, M. W.

## THE COTTON MARKET.

There was quite a little spurt in the contract market Tuesday, caused, it is believed by shorts covering for Christmas, and the local market advanced 1-16c.

Liverpool opened 1 point lower than Monday's close, with spot sales of only 5,000 bales. There is almost a total absence of demand for the staple it seems, among the spinners of the continent and it is supposed that their needs were supplied from the glutted markets during the recent past at the upset price which has prevailed since the opening of the season and the rush to market began.

The American markets opened unchanged and closed 8 to 12 points up. In the face of the Liverpool decline, the action of the American markets is taken to mean simply, as tated already, the shorts were covering for the holidays.

There was really not sufficient cotton sold here yesterday to establish a price, though the few bales disposed of brought a very high basis:

Tuesday's prices:  
Low middling 7 3-16c.  
Strict low middling 8 15-16c.  
Middling 8 5-16c.  
Strict middling 8 1-2c.  
Good middling 8 11-16c.

## ATTENTION ELKS.

There will be a regular meeting of the lodge tonight promptly at 8 o'clock. Initiation of newly elected members and business of importance for the new year. J. E. BUTLER, Exalted Ruler.

## Cakes and Candy.

I have a nice line of fresh home made fruit cakes and nice fancy cakes and candy.  
Mrs. Otto Boehme, tf

We can sell them if priced right. Send description to  
**WILSON & ERSKINE**  
Real Estate Agent.  
Wellborn, Texas.

No. 3446.

# First National Bank

...OF...  
Bryan, Texas.

Capital - \$100,000  
Surplus & undivided profits \$89,000

We Solicit your Account, and will serve you, in all matters intrusted to us, with Courtesy, Promptness, and Fidelity.

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GUY M. BRYAN, JR., Vice-Pres.  
H. O. BOATWRIGHT, Vice-Pres.  
L. L. McINNIS, Cash'r. R. W. HOWELL, Asst Cash'r.

## FINANCIAL SENSATION.

Brought About by an Article Written By

SENATOR H. M. TELLER.

Latter Is Quoted as Saying He Personally Favors Issuance of Small Notes of Limited Legal Tender Secured by Silver, but India Might Act.

New York, Dec. 22.—In banking circles in Wall street as well as among others versed in financial affairs, says the Times, something very much like a sensation was created by the discovery in a financial weekly published in Paris, L'Economiste Europeen, of a letter written by Senator Henry M. Teller of Colorado, a member of the Aldrich currency commission, to Moreton Frewen, the well known Economist of London in which Senator Teller seems plainly to indicate that the commission has under consideration a plan to issue circulating notes secured by silver of the government of India will cooperate.

In his letter, which was published Dec. 4, Senator Teller is quoted as saying that he is personally in favor of the issue of small notes of limited legal tender secured by silver but that since the purchase of silver to secure such notes would advance the price of the metal to a figure where the government of India might decide to melt down its rupees and sell the metal it is necessary for the currency commission here to know what the attitude of the Indian government would be. He says on this point:

"Will that government (India) interest itself officially in our inquiry into a question of the highest importance for the finances of India? Naturally I ask this of you in an entirely informal way; we will make the proposal officially if you learn that it will be well received, but we do not wish to expose ourselves to an absolute refusal."

Inquiries made by bankers to ascertain whether Senator Teller's negotiations with Mr. Frewen had the sanction of the entire Aldrich commission developed the contrary to be the case. From members of the committee with whom these bankers got into touch the following statement of the situation was obtained:

"The commission knows nothing of Senator Teller's correspondence with Mr. Frewen. Mr. Teller is acting absolutely independently and alone."

"No proposition to issue such notes has even come before the commission for discussion and if it had, it would not have been entertained."

## FIGHTS NEGRO ON ROOF.

Police Officer Has Thrilling Encounter With a Desperate Individual.

Steuenville, O., Dec. 22.—Policeman Lafayette R. Mercer had a desperate struggle on a slippery roof forty feet high with Charles Baker, a negro, escaped from the Mansfield reformatory. Baker tried repeatedly to push the officer off the roof. The negro who had got work here as a hotel porter forged Judge J. B. Burrows' name to an order on a store. When officers went to Baker's boarding house he took off his shoes and crawled out on a steep roof through a dormer window.

Mercer, who has Cherokee Indian blood in his veins, went out after his man. The officer's superior strength and wrestling science finally won.

## Strangles Himself With Sheet.

Pittsburg, Dec. 22.—In a private ward of Mercy hospital John Robb Murdock, member of a prominent family, strangled himself with a twisted sheet.

## SEVENTH AND LAST TIME.

Roosevelt Stockings Will Be Hung Before Big White House Fireplace.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The Roosevelt stockings this year, for the seventh and last time, will be hung before the big fireplace in the white house for a generous Santa Claus to fill.

No doubt some of the things which find their way into those stockings will later find their way into the lone some wilds of Africa—perhaps a handy bowie knife for the president and a bullet proof photographic outfit for Kermit.

"Pine Knot," Mrs. Roosevelt's picturesque country place in the blue hills of Virginia, usually the Thanksgiving or Christmas day capital, did not hold forth sufficient attractions this fall to draw the president and his family away from the white house. They may go there, however, for a few days during the New Year's week. It is said this famous rural retreat will be retained after the president leaves the white house.

The entire family, including Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, it is understood, will be on hand to help make President Roosevelt's last Christmas dinner at the white house a happy family reunion.

## "YOU LOSE."

Pat O'Malley Wins One Thousand Dollars From Jim O'Leary.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Pat O'Malley, who made a bet of \$1,000 with Jim O'Leary, a stock yards operator, that he could reach his old home in Ireland from Chicago in a week, has won his wager.

"O'Malley," the article declares, arrived at Ballygran, County Limerick, the end of his journey at 10:30 o'clock Tuesday morning, London time. The time limit was 2:30 o'clock, so he had an hour to spare.

His trip from Chicago to Queenstown is the fastest ever made between those points on the east journey and only once has it been exceeded by a west bound passage. O'Malley left Chicago at 3 o'clock last Tuesday morning and arrived in Queenstown at 11 o'clock Monday night London time.

A big sixty horse power machine was waiting for him, and the drive across the country to Ballygran was made in two and a half hours. The distance from Queenstown to Ballygran is between 50 and 55 miles. O'Malley's arrival at Queenstown was made known to O'Leary by a two word cablegram, which said: "You lose."

## ASBESTOS WHISKERS.

Santa Claus Must Wear These or None, Says Fire Chief Schuler.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 22.—Asbestos whiskers or no whiskers at all, must be worn by genial Santa Claus on Christmas, according to the orders of Fire Chief J. C. Schuler of this city. The fire department takes this stand in cooperation with the board of underwriters in an endeavor to reduce the annual Christmas day fires. Tissue paper festoons and similar decorations are not to be used, it is suggested, or the children allowed to touch the Christmas tree.

## Shipping Season Closes.

St. Louis, Dec. 12.—The shipping season on the Mississippi river at this point closed Monday with the departure of the steamer Gray Eagle for Paducah.

## Death the Victor.

Birmingham, Dec. 22.—Death was victor in a race of Miss Ada Gratham, to the bedside of her sweetheart, Emily J. Hilly, who was ill with typhoid fever at his home here. An hour before she reached the city he died. Miss Gratham is prostrated and her parents have hurried south to be with her.

## Mule Saves Self and Man.

Franklin, Pa., Dec. 22.—G. W. Long, an oil well shooter of this city, saved himself from being blown to atoms by rare presence of mind. He was ascending a steep hill near East Sandy with a load of nitroglycerin drawn by a team of mules. The harness was not strong enough and one of the mules was stripped half way up the hill by the breaking of the hame strap. The load was so heavy that the other mule was pulled back down the hill.

The efforts of the mule to keep its ground prevented the wagon and its deadly cargo from gathering great speed and by keepin cool Long so guided the wagon that no harm was done.

## Kangaroo to Be Served.

New York, Dec. 22.—Kangaroo meat is to be served in New York hotels, a local dealer having arranged for the importation of 200 of the animals for use as food. The tail is considered the greatest delicacy but almost every cut is said to be good eating by those who have sampled it. The dealer who hopes to meet with success in his new venture says he thinks New Yorkers will take to kangaroo meat in the same way Europeans like specialties such as wild turkey and quail.

## Elgin Butter Sales.

Elgin, Ill., Dec. 22.—Butter sales the past week were 619,400 pounds.

## He Gets No Change.

New York, Dec. 22.—An elderly man who called at the subtreasury in this city presented an old \$20 bill with the request that he receive four crisp five dollar bills to be used as Christmas presents.

"Very sorry, sir," said the paying teller, after a moment's examination, "but we will have to keep this bill; it is a counterfeit."

The stranger was shocked and disappointed declaring that he had come by the bill honestly and was \$20 short in the matter of Christmas funds.

## Ordered to Curacao.

New York, Dec. 22.—The United States gunboat Dolphin left Port au Prince under orders to proceed at once to Curacao to await developments in the Venezuelan situation. The cruiser Des Moines is to leave also for Curacao. News of the movement of these vessels adds interest to the secrecy surrounding the battleship Maine, which is presumed to be en route to Venezuela to be followed by the North Carolina, although the state department has made no announcement concerning the destination or the purpose of their journey.

## Bear Trees Negro.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Samuel Rocks, a negro, employed as keeper by the owner of an animal show in an amusement park, was treed by a large black bear when it broke out of a cage.

Rocks was forced to remain in the branches until the bear was shot. When chased up into the tree, he shouted for aid and was heard by pedestrians who telephoned to the police. Two patrolmen were sent to the scene but were driven away by the bear.

A citizen with a reputation for marksmanship was sent for and he brought down the animal.

## Head Hunter Arrives.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—A head hunter from the savage Philippine tribe of Pinguapies has arrived here. The visitor is accompanied by Dr. Fay C. Cole of the Field museum, who has returned from a year's anthropological expedition. The native will assist Dr. Cole in working up the linguistic and ethnological material he has gathered.

## Hubbard Injured by Fire.

East Aurora, N. Y., Dec. 22.—A falling tree seriously injured Elbert Hubbard, the author and lecturer, in the woods near his colony at East Aurora. When assisting workmen he miscalculated the distance, the tree would fall and was hit by it.

## Yoder's Long Sausage.

Canal Dover, O., Dec. 22.—Farmers near here have been trying to outdo each other in producing big sausages. The honors so far have gone to Noah Yoder of Sugar Creek, who has created a sausage 56 feet 6 inches in length without a splice or a hole. It required 25 quarts of meat to fill it. Homer Finger made one 50 feet 2 inches long, and Eli Miller thought he was a winner when he made a 39-foot one.

# To the Public

I HAVE THIS DAY OPENED A RESTAURANT AND SHORT ORDER HOUSE IN THE BUILDING FORMERLY OCCUPIED BY TOM LEE AND WILL BE GLAD TO SERVE YOU. I WILL MAKE A SPECIALTY OF

# Raw Fish and Oysters

for family use. Give me your orders.

EVERYTHING CLEAN AND UP-TO-DATE.

Special Rates to Weekly Boarders.

Chas. Edinburgh

## "Drunks" Cannot Ride.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—The Chicago and Milwaukee Electric railway will hereafter refuse to carry intoxicated persons on its cars. When the walking between towns is not good, a decided diminution in that class of patrons is expected. The reason assigned for the order is that some of the cars have no smoking rooms and it is not desired to carry "drunks" in the same compartment with women and children.

## All Claims Agreed To.

Kingston, Jamaica, Dec. 22.—News received from London announces that the English insurance companies have agreed to settle all claims resulting from the earthquake and fire of Jan. 14, 1907 on a basis of 85 per cent without adjustment and including costs. Insurers' payments on claims will aggregate over \$3,000,000.

## Insure in the SOUTHWESTERN LIFE INSURANCE CO., Dallas, Tex

Why? Because it is a Texas company, has ample capital and Surplus and will keep Texas money in Texas. Joe B. Reed will explain the different plans and rates, and can also write Accident and Sick Benefit Insurance in best companies and give you just what you want, and you will know what you are getting. Every man and woman under 50, in good health, should join

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Many are now enjoying the benefits of Life Insurance that would not if not for my efforts. JOE B. REED.

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## JOHN WITTMAN TAILOR SHOP

Can always be depended on for Quality, Style, Fit and Promptness. Give us your orders. JOHN WITTMAN, Merchant Tailor

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BECAUSE it is the most valuable asset you possess, and the only one upon which you can be sure your family will realize one hundred cents on the dollar. BECAUSE it is as good as a Government Bond. It provides ready money when most needed, and may save your estate for your family's benefit.

S. L. BOATWRIGHT, Agent

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# Fancy Whiskies and all Kinds of Wines for Christmas

Also fine Cigars—none but best brands handled. Always strict attention to customers.

JOE KOSH

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